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1. Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) Airfield. There was daily flying at the field even during rainy weather from 30 March through 3 April 1952. Aircraft observed at the field at 11 a.m. on 6 April included 36 single-engine jet planes, 3 biplanes and 2 single-engine conventional planes. Between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. and from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on 7 April, there was flying by jet aircraft and single-engine conventional planes in a light drizzle. The jet aircraft circled over the field, and the single-engine conventional planes remained aloft for 20 to 30 minutes. On 8 April, 3 single-engine planes made flights of 20 to 30 minutes duration. There was a 5/10 overcast. At 5:10 p.m., a twin-engine plane took off from a point near the hangar on Theresienfeld, circled the town three times, landed at Wiener Neustadt airfield and then taxied to the flight control station. On 9 April, flying by jet planes began as early as 5:30 a.m. The weather was clear and calm. Night flying by single-engine planes was observed from 8:30 to 9:25 p.m. On 10 April, flying began at 5:30 a.m. On 11 April, jet aircraft began their flight training at 5:30 a.m. Five twin-engine planes were observed in front of the hangar in Theresienfeld. There was night flying by conventional aircraft until 10 p.m. (1)

2. Bad Voelslau (O 48/X 36) Airfield. Aircraft observed at the field on 29 March included 15 Pe-2s, 2 Li-2s and 1 biplane. There was no flying between 8 and 9:30 a.m. There was a 10/10 overcast and intermittent light rain. There did not seem to be any change in the military occupation of buildings in Bad Voelslau. Truck [ ] van-like truck [ ] tank trucks [ ] were seen. Fourteen Pe-2s, 3 Li-2s and 1 biplane were observed on 7 April. There was no flying between 8 and 9:30 a.m. There was a 3/10 overcast. Vehicles observed included trucks [ ] and tank truck [ ] proceeding to the airfield; sedans [ ] parked in front of the komendatura in Bad Voelslau; trucks [ ] and tank truck [ ] observed in front of the laundry; and truck [ ] seen in front of Voelslau Castle. (2)

3. Zwölfaxing (P 49/X 48) Airfield. On 9 April, 36 Pe-2s and 2 biplanes were observed at the field. There was no flying between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The weather was partly cloudy. Trucks [ ] and tank truck [ ] were seen proceeding to the airfield. Van-like truck [ ] and tank truck [ ] were observed near the barracks installation. Source stated that he had recently seen only a few vehicles [ ]

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[redacted] previously, many such vehicles were observed. (3)

4. Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57) Airfield. Aircraft observed at the field on 4 April included 36 Pe-2s, 2 twin-engine, semi high-wing monoplanes fitted with nose wheels and 2 single-engine planes fitted with in-line engines. No flying was observed until the afternoon. The weather was cloudy. Vehicles [redacted] were observed. (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Flying at the Wiener Neustadt airfield, which is occupied by a fighter unit, continued to be heavy. However, flying activities were limited to local flights made by individual planes. It appears that new pilots were being trained there.
- (2) There was no change in the occupation of Bad Vöslau airfield, which is still believed to be occupied by a reconnaissance regiment.
- (3) For the first time a larger than usual number of Pe-2s has been observed at the Zwölfaxing airfield. No conclusions can be drawn from source's observation that only a few vehicles [redacted] have been observed in Zwölfaxing recently.
- (4) There was no change in the occupation of Goetzendorf airfield. Available information indicates that most of the aircraft stationed there are Pe-2s.

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